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AMEMBASSY LOURENCO MARQUES BY POUCH

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SUBJECT: OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE TAKES NO DECISION ON MERITS
OF COMPETING RHODESIAN NATIONALIST FACTIONS

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 87

1. UK DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HAVE SHARED WITH US RUN-DOWN ON OAU
LIBERATION COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS ON RHODESIA ISSUE AT
LOURENCO MARQUES AS GIVEN THEM BY SIERRA LEONE REPRESENTATIVE
WHO WAS PRESENT. APPARENTLY OAU-LC TOOK NO RPT NO DECISION
EITHER TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE MUZOREWA/SITHOLE FACTION AS SOLE
LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP OF ANC ZIMBABWE OR TO CONDEMN NKOMO.
FINAL RESOLUTION REFERRED ONLY TO CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR QTE
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ANC END QTE WITHTOU DISTINGUISHING

WHICH FACTION WAS MEANT. ASKED HOW OAU-LC WAS

HANDLING DISTRIBUTION OF OUTSIDE FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR ANC, WHICH LC HAD EARLIER RESOLVED SHOULD BE CHanneLED THROUGH ITSELF TO ANC AS WHOLE AND NOT TO ITS CONSTITUTENT FACTIONS, SIERRA LEONE REP SAID THAT THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN DEFERRED FOR LATER STUDY AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

2. DURING MEETING WITH STATE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL AND SEVERAL MINFONAFF OFFICERS ON JANUARY 30, EMBOFFS WERE GIVEN SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR OAU-LC HAS AGREED, FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST, TO AVOID STILL ANOTHER POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE SQUABBLE OVER COMPARATIVE MERITS OF COMPETING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. NKOMO, WHO DID NOT PERSONALLY ATTEND LOURENCO MARQUES CONFERENCE, LEFT FREE SO FAR AS OAU-LC IS CONCERNED TO CONTINUE TRY REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH IAN SMITH.
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